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### **Pendleton Juvenile Correctional Facility is Recommended for Re-accreditation**

Pendleton, Indiana (October 17th, 2008) -Pendleton Juvenile Correctional Facility was recommended for re-accreditation following a three day audit conducted by the American Correctional Association. The audit process consists of examining both mandatory and non-mandatory standards, along with an overall inspection of the daily operations of the facility. The audit team consisted of three correctional professionals, Pete Shaw, from Ohio, Karen Herrera from New Mexico and Mark Lewis from Virginia.

The Pendleton Juvenile Correctional Facility passed 100% of all (33) mandatory standards and was found to be in compliance with 397 of the 402 non-mandatory standards for a final score of 98.7%. Pete Shaw stated, "The facility staff should be commended for their effort, dedication and knowledge in corrections. Ms. Herrera said that the facility was beautiful, very well maintained and that she was completely impressed with the security of the facility.

Mr. Lewis was very impressed by the number of program opportunities offered to offenders at Pendleton and the collaboration between both treatment and custody staff to offer these programs in an efficient manner.

"I am extremely proud of the hard work and dedication of all the staff at the Pendleton Juvenile Correctional Facility. Every day staff make a difference in the lives of the youth who are served by this facility." said Superintendent Michael Dempsey. "I would like to let the staff know their efforts and dedication bring great credit upon themselves, Pendleton Juvenile, and Indiana Department of Correction."

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